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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7548

BILL NUMBER: SB 265

DATE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Chiropractic Manipulation.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a practitioner is subject to disciplinary sanctions by that practitioner's regulatory board if the practitioner has performed spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment without having met specific qualifications. It requires a chiropractor to complete at least 300 hours of classroom instruction in spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment, at least 300 hours of classroom instruction in the area of radiographic interpretation, and at least 500 hours of supervised clinical training at a facility where spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment is a primary method of treatment, but exempts chiropractors licensed before July 1, 2001, from these education requirements. The bill also requires a diagnosis to be made before spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment is performed. The bill requires certification by the practitioner's board and certain training requirements to be met by a person who is not otherwise authorized to perform spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment before an individual may perform spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau (HPB), which administers the state regulation of chiropractors, may incur additional expenses associated with notifying the public of changes in the requirements and modifying any rules. The expenses are not expected to be significant. The HPB will be able to absorb any additional expenses given its current budget.

It is possible that this bill may affect other health care professions, specifically athletic trainers and physical therapists if their training does not include these minimum hours of training. To the extent that physical therapists and athletic trainers would be subjected to sanctions from either their respective boards or the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the HPB could incur additional costs with additional meetings. As of December 12, 2000, there were 4,390 licensed physical therapists, 583 licensed athletic trainers, and 940 chiropractors with active licenses in the state.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill would only affect individuals who are applying for new licenses and will not affect individuals who apply for license renewal. Revenues are not expected to be affected by the requirements in this bill. All chiropractic schools have graduation requirements that exceed the instruction and clinical training hours that are specified in this bill.

The Health Professions Bureau collected \$30,547 in fees from chiropractors during FY 2000. Licenses must be renewed every two years.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Health Professions Bureau, Auditor of State.